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Via Email: 62703-49969143@requests.muckrock.com

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Dear Ms. Ram:

This responds to your records request received by this office on November 30, 2018.

Your request seeks the following records:

Request 1

Any informational and educational materials distributed in correctional facilities about housing options available to inmates post-release.

Response 1

Please see the enclosed materials. Additionally, facility Housing Search Specialists (HSS) have additional resources and work with inmates in securing appropriate housing. The position was created to work with inmates who pose the greatest challenge in releasing back to the community. They work with inmates considered to be elevated cases or At-Risk for Homelessness in order to find a viable release plan that works for the inmate and increases public safety.

Request 2

Any currently valid policies/procedures detailing Department reentry services specific to accessing housing options post-release

Response 2

The policy responsive to your request is 103 DOC 493, Reentry Policy (specifically 493.07). You can access this policy on DOC's website at: [https://www.mass.gov/lists/departments-of-correction-public-policies#public-policies-\(english\)](https://www.mass.gov/lists/departments-of-correction-public-policies#public-policies-(english)).

Request 3

Any statistical reports detailing admission and release trends from between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.

Response 3

Statistical reports detailing admission and release trends from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 can be found on our public dashboards on Mass.gov/ Tableau at: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/inmate-and-prison-data-dashboards>.

Request 4

Any statistical reports detailing recidivism data from between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.

Response 4

Please see the attached report - 3 Year Recidivism Rates: 2014 Release Cohort.

Request 5

Any statistical reports regarding inmates' housing status prior to and following commitment to the Department from between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.

Response 5

Upon inquiry, it is my understanding that this office does not have possession, custody or control of the public records that you have requested.

If you wish to challenge any aspect of this response, please be advised that you may appeal to the Supervisor of Public Records following the procedure set forth in 950 C.M.R. 32.08, a copy of which is available at <http://www.mass.gov/courts/case-legal-res/law-lib/laws-by-source/cmr/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Silvia". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Kate Silvia
Director of Communications